

Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee on Awards for Innovation in Higher Education

**September 29, 2014
9:00 am**

**California Department of Finance
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Redwood Room
Sacramento, California 95814**

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555 College Avenue
Lemoore, California 93245**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Michael Cohen, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Mollie Quasebarth, committee staff, called the roll. The following members were present:

Michael Cohen, Chair
Arnoldo Avalos
Constance Carroll
Dean Florez
Monica Lozano

Chair Cohen declared a quorum present.

II. Chair's Report

Chair Cohen made opening comments.

III. Agenda Items

Item A: Approval of Application Package—Action

Christian Osmeña, committee staff, presented the item. Mr. Osmeña highlighted the major revisions that had been made to the draft form of the application package that was considered at the September 16, 2014 meeting, consistent with direction from the committee at that meeting. Mr. Osmeña read the following staff recommendation:

1. The committee approves the application package, including the application instructions and items, information about the evaluation process, information about the award selection process, and information about award levels. Furthermore, the committee authorizes staff to take any necessary actions or make technical edits or corrections to the application package consistent with the committee's action.

Chair Cohen asked if any committee members wished to comment.

Member Carroll requested that consideration be given to investments by community colleges planning to establish baccalaureate degrees. Chair Cohen directed staff to add the following text to the end of the "Examples of Innovation" section included in Appendix A of the application package: "Initiating significant planning activities related to establishing a four-year degree program at a community college."

Member Carroll moved the staff recommendation, with the expectation that staff would amend the application as directed by the chair. The motion was seconded by Member Lozano.

Chair Cohen asked for public comment. No comments were made.

The committee approved the motion as follows:

Ayes:

Michael Cohen, Chair
Arnoldo Avalos
Constance Carroll
Dean Florez
Monica Lozano

Nays:

None

Chair Cohen indicated that all applications are due no later than January 9, 2015, and noted that the next committee meeting will be held March 20, 2015.

IV. Public Comment

Chair Cohen asked for public comment. No comments were made.

V. Adjournment

Chair Cohen adjourned the meeting at 9:17 am.